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At Large
Irene Speas

Board of Supervisors Liaison
William "Bill" Osl, Jr.

MINUTES OF THE
CUMBERLAND COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Review
Cumberland County Old Clerks' Office
Cumberland, Virginia
January 10, 2006, 7:00 P.M.

Present: Patrick Smook, District 1
Keith Oulie, District 2
Bill Burger, Vice-Chair, District 3
David Brown, District 4
Irene Speas, At-Large
Parker Wheeler, Chairman, At-Large

Absent: Roland Gilliam, District 5
Bill Osl, Board Liaison

Catherine Kahl, Planner/Zoning Administrator, Clerk of the Commission

The meeting was called to order, the roll called, and a quorum established.

Jerry Giles, Director of Public Works, presented his request for CIP funding:

1. Remodeling for the Old Clerk's Office at \$50,000 for replacement of roof and lime-based plaster repairs for the interior.
2. Backhoe and dump truck purchases at \$25K each in lieu of renting, which is more costly. He is looking for used equipment and truck in good shape.
3. Sewer parts which will total \$11,000. This is for a spare pump for each station (1 for each type of pump).

Commissioner discussion included the following:

It is desirable to replace the roof, but it should be delayed for one year unless necessary. It is desirable to remodel the interior of the Old Clerk's office, but only if it can be done at the same time as the jail is remodeled, for cost effectiveness.

The backhoe and dump truck are considered as necessary purchases for the cost effectiveness of the purchase. The sewer maintenance pumps are also considered as necessary purchases.

Sherry Swinson, Assistant County Administrator and Director of Economic Development presented her list of county needs for consideration.

1. **New Business Park** in 2006-2007 will need money for land options and planning on water and sewer lines. Up to 10 companies will be considered for location in the park.

Commissioner Comments included:

Commissioner Smook stated perhaps we should offer creative tax incentives to have it done. Ms. Swinson replied that we have not been approached. Commissioner Burger stated that he did not believe the county should be buying land for businesses.

2. Streetscape

We have four rounds of TEA-21 dollars for this spring. We need to bid out for extra parking for the courthouse and trailhead. Restoration of the interior and exterior of the old jail (\$200,000) is expected to be accomplished concurrently with the restoration of interior of the Old Clerks' Office. Ms. Swinson stated we must come up with a match for the grants to receive them. The Ruritans are partnering with us to fundraise for the streetlights

3. State Forest Park

7-10 acres area of dredged fill land will be leased to the county for ball fields, walking trail, concessions, and parking.

4. Water Project

There is a \$600,000 shortfall for this project. There is no choice in funding it, and it is considered urgent.

Commissioner Comments included:

The new business park is considered a no-to-low priority. No one wants the county to pay for new business. It was suggested that we could perhaps offer creative financing to attract new businesses.

The Courthouse Streetscape is desirable but dependent on grant funding.

Water project is considered URGENT.

The state forest park is considered necessary, but they all want grant funding options explored. Commissioner Oulie wants to have it in the courthouse area, with the possibility of tennis courts added.

Karen Blackwell, Department of Social Services, stated the need for a new generator in order to operate in the event of an emergency. They are the main operation for emergency services in the county should an emergency arise. The amount of the request needs to be increased to \$30,000.

Commissioner Comments included:

The new generator was considered as necessary, but Ms. Blackwell was asked if they could lower the cost.

Bill Bailey, Randolph Community Center, also asked for a new generator to expand emergency services in this county-owned building. They currently have a small portable generator from a FEMA grant last year. They need something larger with more power.

Commissioner Comments included:

The purchase of a better generator was considered necessary, but the proposed one is too expensive.

Linda Staylor, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Cumberland County Public Schools, presented as the top-priority request a new middle/high school building. She suggested that the other school requests could be incorporated into it. The School Board also wants to incorporate other projects in school complex.

Commissioner Comments included:

It would be best to lump it all together under one budgeted amount. The commissioners did not want to get bogged down in the money issue of the aspect of the new school. The PC supports the new school as an urgent priority expense, but cannot recommend a specific dollar figure or plan of action. They will leave that decision to the School board, the Board of Supervisors, and other contributing parties. A tour of the schools was proposed.

Commissioner Comments included:

Commissioner Oulie expressed concern about tax responsibility for dedicated rights-of-way in subdivisions.

There being no other comments by the Commissioners and no further business before the Commission, a motion to adjourn to the regular monthly meeting on January 24, 2006 was made by Commissioner Burger, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved.

Attested:

Parker Wheeler, Planning Commission Chair

Date

Catherine Kahl, Clerk of the Commission

Date